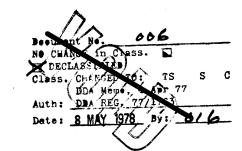
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The Bolivian Director General of Police Isaac Vincenti reportedly conducted negotiations for the purchase of 600 Colt revolvers for police use while he was in the United States recently. These negotiations are still being carried on very quietly, because, it is believed, the police wish to prevent the army from knowing of the purchase. The police have a deep-seated suspicion of the intentions of the army toward the government.

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<u>Compent</u>. It is believed that equipping the police with heavy arms and equipment would be tantamount to creating two armies in Bolivia. The Bolivian Ambassador in Washington has not been informed of the police force's intention to purchase the revolvers in question.



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